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Editorial

Let the Good Work Go On

The Indiana State Conference of last week, held at Napanee, was, of all the enthusiastic conference meetings in that State, the *most* enthusiastic in the history of its work. There were no loud demonstrations, no excitement at any time during the meeting that induced any one to make pledges or promises that could not be fulfilled or give more than he was able to give. The meeting was of the quiet but deeply spiritual kind which always tells for permanent work. Before going to press last week a message from Brother Miller announced that above \$4,000 endowment had been pledged, advanced steps taken in missions and more than one hundred subscriptions to the EVANGELIST taken. The exact figures are \$4,300 endowment for the College, and 130 new subscriptions to the EVANGELIST, most of them for the balance of the year at 25 cents each.

One of the most encouraging features of this Conference as of all late Conferences was the manifest presence of the real College spirit. That it was the genuine article is evidenced by the fact that \$4,300 were pledged by a Conference which two years ago pledged \$2,100, and many of whose members have pledged \$100 each before and since the Conference of two years ago. Those people are in earnest and will not withhold their means for the support of our educational institution. Adding the \$4,300 to the \$18,200 previously pledged gives us to date \$22,500, requiring but \$2,500 to make the \$25,000, the sum needed to meet the immediate demands of the school. It is plainly evident that the Brethren church now means to stand by and support its only educational institution, and the wise thing to do is to at once raise the balance of the \$25,000, that is \$2,500. If 25 persons will each pledge \$100 we will have the required amount and why should this not be done forthwith? If the Indiana State Conference could raise \$4,300 in less than an hour, why should not the brotherhood raise the \$2,500? We believe that all the real earnest supporters of Ashland College will second the motion to raise at once this small sum required to make the \$25,000. Let the good work go on, and let it be done without any delay. Who will be the first of the 25 to pledge \$100? Understand we do not want your \$100; you keep that yourself and pay us the interest on it for a period of ten years. Endowment pledges will be promptly forwarded on application. Why not raise the balance of this endowment fund and then let the matter rest for a while at least? Shall we do it? other interests are pressing; our missions must be better supported; the Chicago church building must be paid, and last but surely not

least, the Publishing House will make a special appeal next week for a full share of your patronage. Under these circumstances does it not appeal to you as the part of wisdom to speedily get the matter of endowment out of the way? We can, and because we can, we *ought* to raise the \$2,500 before our next paper goes to press. If you have not yet taken an endowment pledge do so at once; and even if you have taken one, perhaps you can easily carry another. Now for 25 men who will each take \$100. We expect the town of Ashland to give us \$5,000 just as soon as we have raised the endowment to \$25,000. Shall we raise the \$2,500 and have a praise meeting all over the brotherhood the first Sunday in November? Yes, I hear a hundred voices say, yes. *Then let us do it?*

Earnest Words to College Students

The late Dr. Albert L. Long, Vice President and Professor of Natural Science in Robert College, Constantinople, preached three weeks ago before he sailed for England what he believed his last sermon to the students of Robert College, and what proved to be his last sermon in the world. The sermon was a splendid effort, abounding in earnest, helpful, inspiring thoughts. The entire discourse is deserving of the most careful reading, but we specially commend to young men who are preparing to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus, the closing words of the sermon which are as follows:

I was preaching last Sunday what will probably be my last sermon to the students of Robert College, and in my parting counsels to my students I made use of the following words: "It has been my privilege for the last thirty years to be occupied with scientific study and instruction. These thirty years have been a period in which the foundations of the Christian faith have been most violently assailed and the enemies of the Christian religion have boastfully rejoiced in its fancied overthrow. I have gone thru the history and arguments of their case according to my ability, and I want to express to you my honest and deliberate judgment that the Christian religion, as rightly understood and interpreted, stands untouched by their fiery assault. Personally I am ready with thankfulness, yet with profound humility, to assure you that there has never been a time in my experience when the eternal verities of the unseen world seemed so real and God's word so precious as it does to my poor heart today. I say, therefore, to you as students, give no heed to those who would fain persuade you to give up your belief in the Bible. Study it deeply and reverently, and cling to it like the shipwrecked mariner clings to the